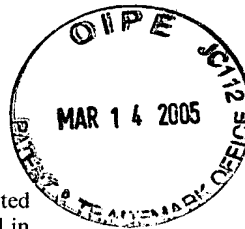


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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Peter Neubauer et al. Paper No.:  
Serial No.: 10/070,787 Group Art Unit: 1653  
Filed: June 18, 2002 Examiner: Sheridan Snedden  
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Recombinant Proteins in Microbial Fermentation

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith is an Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed September 10, 2004. Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 10, 2004 for three months from December 10, 2004 to March 10, 2005.

Please charge the extension fee of \$1020.00 to our Visa credit card account. Form PTO-2038 is enclosed. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 04-1133.

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